गत 3 वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए पर्यटक मालायात का अनुमान निम्नानुसार लगाया गया है :—

(लाख)

वर्ष	पर्यटक आगमन
1990	12.24
1991	19.57
1992	21.11

(ख) पर्यटन से होने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा आय के अनुमान राज्य-वार और स्थान-वार नहीं लगाए जाते है ।

(ग) सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश में विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकृष्ट करने के वास्ते जो कदम उठाए हैं उनमें पर्यटन आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करने के लिए सहायता देना और राज्य के पर्यटक केन्द्रों का प्रचार करना शामिल है ।

Satellite based navigation system for aviation sector

4192. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that government propose to develop Satellite-base navigation system for the aviation sector;

(b) if so, what is the total cost of the project;

(c) what are the details of the proposal; and

(d) by when aviation sector would be shifting over to satellite based communication system?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Department of Electronics has planned to develop, at an estimated cost of Rs. 23 crores, different technologies of satellite based communication, navigation and surveillance system.

(d) The techniques and norms for safe and reliable satellite-based communication for Air Traffic Control are still in the process of development. International Civil Aviation Organisation is yet to issue Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) in this regard. It is not possible at this stage to indical any time frame for switch over to the satellite, based communication system.

Private Indian Airlines to operate on International routes

4193 SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to UnStarred Question 2106 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993, and state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit private Airlines to operate on international routes so that they may bring foreign exchange in the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Under the Air Taxi guidelines, operation of air taxies is allowed within the country only.

(b) Does not arise.

Details of Developmental work at Airports

4194. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 67 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1993, and state:

(a) the details of construction of National/ International Passenger Terminals as well as expansion programme of Cargo terminals at Airports in the country indicating the likely increase of handling capacity annually in each case; and

(b) what investment in this regard is envisaged both by International Airports Authority of India and the National Airports Authority during the period 1993-94 and during Eighth Five Year Plan Period indicating the expenditure so far incurred by Government in respect of the States of Rajasthan and Orissa during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Foreign Exchange earnings from Toarism

4195. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) what were the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1991-92, 1992-93 and

during 1993-94 (upto 31st March 1993) indicating whether the foreign exchange earning for 1992-93 which was projected to be as Rs. 4,000 Crores was actually realised;

(b) what was the number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1992-93 indicating/ registering an increase/decline in percentage over 1991-92 (including Pakistan and Bangladesh) particularly in Rajasthan; and

(c) what was budgetary allocation made during the last three years (year-wise) and whether the adequacy of infrastructural facilities and reaction of tourists taken into account while allocating funds and also as to what extent provided under the National Action Plan presented to Parliament on 5th May, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF .CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM '(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 were Rs. 3319 crores and Rs. 3990 crores respectively. The earning during the first three months of 1993-94 is estimated to be Rs. 756 crores.

(b) The number *of* foreign tourists including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, who visited India during 1992-93 were 1820239 registering an increase of about 2.2% over the corresponding period of the previous year. In the case of Rajasthan, the foreign tourist arrivals during 1992 registered an increase of about 11% over the previous year.

(c) The Central Plan Budget for tourism sector during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 were Rs. 67.5 crores, Rs. 77.0 crores and Rs. 80.0 crores respectively. These allocations were made by the Planning Commission on the basis of the demand projected by different sectors including tourism, development priorities and overall budget constraints.

Fleecing of Tourists in Himachal Pradesh

4196. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints of mass fleecing of tourists who visited H.P. in the season just concluded;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints received in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in Ibis matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Construction of Air-strip in Lahaul sod Spiti District

4197. SHRI SUSHIL BORANGPA- Will Ihe Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to construct air-strip in Lahaul and Spiti district, namely at Sumnam and Rangrik was ever submitted by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Central Government have any proposal under consideration for construction of atleast one air-strip in the far-flung tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested National Airports Authority (NAA) to carry out feasibility study for construction of air-strips at Rangrik Spiti and Sumnam in Lahaul valley. NAA requested the State Govenment to furnish certain basic technical data and information before deputing an expert team for site survey and feasibility study. Further action will be taken on receipt of the requisite information from the State Government. NAA has no plan at present to construct air-strip at Sumnam or Rangrik due to financial constraints.

Operation of Vayudoot in Maharashtra

4198. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot, which is operating commercial services in different parts of Maharashtra, propose to trim its operations in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of the services which are proposed to be discontinued; and

(c) what arc the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.